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**LEXINGTON, ALABAMA MAN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRING TO COMMIT  
MONEY LAUNDERING**

Memphis, TN- Terrell L. Harris, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, and Andre' Martin, Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation announce that VILLIARD ARCHIE MCCARLEY, 63, of Lexington, Alabama was sentenced today by United States District Judge Julia Gibbons, on charges of conspiracy to commit money laundering charges. According to Harris:

MCCARLEY was involved in an interstate tractor theft ring. MCCARLEY purchased nineteen (19) stolen tractors from MICHAEL KUYKENDALL from October 1997 to April 1998. MCCARLEY subsequently sold the tractors to farmers in Northwest Alabama, including, Lauderdale and Limestone Counties. IRS Agents were able piece the money laundering charges by tracing the checks used to purchase the tractors and the deposits from the sell of the tractors to MCCARLEY'S bank accounts.

MCCarley was sentenced to 33 months in prison and was given 3 years supervised release. KUYKENDALL was sentenced to serve three and one-half years (3 ½) in May 2000 for his involvement in the theft ring.

This case was investigated by Special Agents of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney Stephen C. Parker prosecuted the case.